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## War begins; coalition aircraft attack Iraqi targets

By Jim Garamone  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Operations to disarm Iraq have begun, President Bush announced during a speech to America March 19.

The president confirmed the early stages of military operations to disarm Iraq, to free its people and to defend the world.

News reports from Baghdad showed anti-aircraft artillery streaming into the sky. Western reporters spoke of hearing bombs drop in the western part of the city – which is home to many government buildings.

“On my orders, coalition forces have begun striking selected targets of military importance to undermine Saddam Hussein’s ability to wage war,” the president said from the Oval Office at 10:15 p.m. Eastern time. Bush stressed this will be a broad and concerted campaign.

He said the coalition – 35 nations contributing in a variety of ways – is moving to

disarm Hussein and put a stop to his murderous rule. “Every nation in this coalition has chosen to bear the duty and share the honor of sharing in our common defense,” Bush said.

Bush had direct words to the more than 250,000 U.S. service members in the area of operations. “The peace of a troubled world and the hopes of an oppressed people now depend on you,” the president said. “That trust is well-placed. The enemies you confront will soon know your skill and bravery. The people you liberate will witness the honorable and decent spirit of the American military.”

He said that once again Saddam Hussein has placed innocent civilians amid military targets. He assured the world that coalition forces will do all they can to minimize Iraqi casualties.

Bush observed the conflict will be dangerous, but U.S. commitment will not end with victory. He promised America will help feed the

population of Iraq and rebuild the infrastructure of the oil-rich land.

But even then, the United States will not stay in the nation one second longer than necessary. “We have no ambition in Iraq except to remove a threat and restore control of that country to its own people,” Bush said.

The president also spoke of the sacrifice made by the relatives of American service members. “I know that the families of our military are now praying that all those who serve will return safely and soon,” he said.

“Millions of Americans are praying with you for the safety of your loved ones and for the protection of the innocent. For your sacrifice, you have the gratitude and respect of the American people. And you can know our forces will be coming home as soon as their work is done.”

Bush pointed out that now is the time to confront the threat Saddam Hussein has become. Waiting will only

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**-- President Bush**

make things worse, he said. “We will not live at the mercy of an outlaw regime that threatens the peace with

weapons of mass murder. We will meet that threat now with our Army, Air Force, Navy, Coast Guard and Marines, so we will not have to meet it later with armies of firefighters, and police and doctors on the streets of our cities.”

He stressed the U.S. military will apply decisive force to ensure a speedy campaign. “I assure you this will not be a campaign of half-measures and we will accept no outcome but victory,” he said.

## Mid-level enlisted experience leadership development training this spring

Phases I and II of the next session of NCO Leadership Development Program are just around the corner. Phase I is set for April 7-11; Phase II May 5-9.

NCOLDP is designed for mid-level enlisted personnel (E-4 minimum grade), preferably before or during the time that they are supervisors.

The AFRC NCO Leadership Development Program

offers college credit and hands-on experience in leadership and management.

The curriculum addresses theories and concepts of leadership and management. The hands-on sessions stress real life situations. An integral component of the program is the blending of personnel from different AFSCs.

Additionally, team-building exercises and grass roots team projects intro-

duce the participants to quality concepts and provide an opportunity to interface with the participants’ commander.

The course includes 10 days of instruction. Each phase consists of three academic days conducted by a civilian instructor and two days conducted by military facilitators. Class size can’t exceed 25.

Unit requirements determine how often the course is offered.



Photo by Jeff Melvin

## Family Day just around corner

*Make plans now to bring your family along to enjoy the fulfilled activities of Family Day May 3. Look for details in next month’s Southern Flyer or check with your First Sergeant. The 908th AW First Sergeants Council will hold a Family Day planning meeting at the Golf Course Snack Bar April 5 from 10 a.m. to noon. Anyone with information concerning Family Day should attend.*



# War begins, keep armed forces in your thoughts



By Col. James Stewart  
908th Airlift Wing commander

**W**e are at war. Over a quarter million of our fellow servicemembers are in the Middle East to end

the reign of Saddam Hussein. Approximately 23 of our own members have been deployed into the theater with the possibility of more to follow. With these facts in mind, I ask all of you to keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Hopefully, this war will be swift and we will have very few casualties, so all may safely return home soon.

Another person who has been, and will remain in our prayers is none other than Chaplain Bob Anders. On Tuesday evening, March 11, he had a heart attack. By Thursday, he was having open-heart surgery at Baptist

South Hospital. Fortunately, we live in a time of medical miracles, so he was out of the hospital and in Carol's excellent care by Sunday evening. I'm thankful that Chaplain Bob pulled through nicely. We knew we were blessed to have him as our wing shepherd before...and even more thankful that he will be rejoining us soon.

On the horizon, I see that Family Day is rapidly approaching. During the May UTA, I hope you all plan to bring your families out to enjoy the day together. Serving your country in the Reserve puts a tremendous amount of strain on your

family....in time, patience and understanding. Family Day is our way of showing our appreciation to your loved ones for supporting your military career.

Finally, since everyone's predictions about if and when we'd be activated have proven false, I've ordered all crystal balls in the wing to be tossed out. The only prediction I'm willing to make at this point is our services will be required....eventually! When? Beats me...but the call will come. So be patient....and more importantly...remain Ready...Always!



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## Chaplain Bob appreciates your prayers, concerns



By Chaplain (Capt.) Jamie Danford  
908th Airlift Wing staff chaplain

**I** am writing this article at the request of Chaplain Bob. With the power of e-mail and mass communication many of you may already be informed of what has happened. Then again sometimes we rely too much on computers and some of you may not know.

Just to recap. Chaplain Bob had a heart attack March 11. He underwent

quintuple bypass surgery and is doing well. He was released from the hospital on 16 March, and he continues to recover at home.

When Chaplain Bob interviewed me to work with him, I remember



Chaplain (Lt. Col.)  
Bob Anders

one thing he said - "The 908th is one big family." I have seen that hold true over the past few days.

With all the extra unknowns of the world situation everyone took time to call or check on Chaplain Bob. He appreciates all your prayers and concerns. Please keep him - and each other - in your prayers in the coming weeks.



Photo by Maj. Jerry Lobb

## Senate honors state's military

Above, Lieutenant Governor Lucy Baxley presides over the first Alabama State Senate session since her November 2003 election. First order of business, presentation of Resolution 1 (pictured at right) honoring military members from the state deployed in the war on terrorism. 908AW Commander Col. James Stewart was among approximately 40 members of the Guard and Reserve on hand for the proclamation March 4.





Staff Sgt. Keith Moore

Photo by Jeff Melvin



Tech. Sgt. Sharon Spudic

Photo by Jeff Melvin



Senior Airman Teri Miller

Photo by Maj. Jerry Lobb

## Deserving Airman Commissioning Program selectees

Four wing enlisted personnel will get to trade their stripes for gold bars and fill vacant officer positions thanks to the Deserving Airman Commissioning Program. Tech. Sgts. Sharon Jones and Sharon Spudic, Staff Sgt. Keith Moore and Senior Airman Teri Miller were chosen by the DACP board that convened in December. They will receive their commissions

after graduation from Academy of Military Science, the six-week Guard and Reserve version of the Air Force's Officer Training School. Jones and Miller are currently loadmasters assigned to the 357th Airlift Squadron. Moore, a wing training technician, is slated to become a Security Forces officer. Spudic,

a personnelist assigned to the 908th SFS, is slated to become a personnel officer. For information about DACP or to ask questions, contact the 908th MPF at DSN 493-5584 or 908AW Vice Commander Col. C. W. Fox at DSN 493-9080 or e-mail Charles.Fox@maxwell.af.mil

## DOD plans to 'rebalance' active-duty, Reserve missions

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. -- Sept. 11, 2001, did more than change how Americans view the world; the terrorist attacks altered how the U.S. military protects the country.

As of March 5, more than 176,500 members of the reserve components have been mobilized to support the war on terrorism at home and abroad, according to the Department of Defense. This buildup of forces is placing a strain not only on reservists, families and employers but also on the country's ability to maintain so many people on active duty for extended periods.

To help ease the burden on the U.S. government and the taxpayers who pay for it, DOD is laying the foundation to "rebalance" the work load shared between the reserve and active-duty components.

Rebalancing is at the fore because DOD cut the active force 34 percent and the reserve components 25 percent after the Persian Gulf War, according to Thomas Hall, assistant defense secretary for reserve affairs.

"We structured the forces to face what we

thought the world would look like," Hall said. "Then, suddenly, 9/11, and the enemy was at the doorstep and the world was never going to be (the same)."

One mission likely to come under scrutiny is security forces in the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Command. After 9/11, most activated reservists were allowed to get off active duty after serving one year. However, thousands of Guard and Reserve SF members were extended into a second year, and some of them are just getting off active duty as 9,000 members of the Army National Guard begin providing security at Air Force installations.

Hall is aware of the strain repeated call-ups place on reservists. He knows many critical specialties are concentrated in the reserve components, which cause the same units to be called up repeatedly.

"We cannot have a situation where we call you, as a guardsman or reservist, every year for three or four years," Hall said. "You won't stay in the Guard and Reserve, and employers might worry about employing you."

No date has been set for the rebalancing to go into effect. The plans must be reviewed, proposed and approved, as with any defense proposal.

Officials in the directorate of plans and programs at Headquarters AFRC say they have not received any instructions from the Air Force or DOD to review current programs.

"Force rebalancing, like all other DOD proposals, will be dependent on budget submissions, legislative changes and policy adoption," said Lt. Col. Bob Stone, assistant for public services, office of the assistant secretary of defense. "Think of it as a process and that the concept is now moving toward budget and legislative initiatives."

Although DOD cannot make sweeping changes without congressional approval, the services can shift responsibilities from unit to unit through force structure realignments.

For example, the Air Force announced in December 2000 plans to realign the Air Force Reserve's 939th Rescue Wing at Portland International Airport, Ore., from combat search and rescue to an air refueling mission. This year the unit is transitioning to eight KC-135 Stratotankers and transferring its eight HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopters and five HC-130 refueling aircraft to an active-duty unit at Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz. (AFRC News Service)



Thomas Hall





908SFS members practice defensive tactics

Photos by Tech. Sgt. James Harrell Jr.

## Back home where we belong

*After 15 months of deployments, last group of security forces returns. But for how long?*

By Tech. Sgt. James Harrell Jr.  
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Sept. 11, 2001, began with a call for squadron volunteers to assist their active duty brethren in securing Maxwell AFB from terrorist attack. Nov. 5, 2001, the activation order came, and with it, the start of more than a year of deployments to various bases around the world.

After 15 months of being deployed, the 908<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron has all its personnel home. This marks the first time in quite a while that no SFS members are deployed in support of Operation Noble Eagle or Enduring Freedom.

The last group, a team of 23 members returned from MacDill AFB, Fla., near Tampa, where it has been since October. They were originally scheduled to be there

for a year, but were relieved by Army National Guard personnel who are taking up the bulk of base defense operations nationwide.

In September 2001, the squadron had 30 personnel working to augment the 42<sup>nd</sup> Security Forces Squadron here at Maxwell and the 78<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron at Robins AFB, Ga.

Maxwell base security grew from less than 100 before Sept. 11, to nearly 300 a few days later.

Less than a week after activation in November 2001 a 908SFS squad deployed to Pope AFB, N. C., marking the first time in unit history SFS deployed personnel for support of contingency operations. The unit has supported contingency operations in the past as volunteers.

In short order, a second group deployed to MacDill AFB. Then-squadron commander, Maj. Steven Barnett was dispatched to HQ U.S. Air Forces in Europe to assist with security forces matters.

In March 2002, a third team departed, this time to Qatar in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The Qatar deployment marked the first time the unit deployed personnel in support of a wartime operation overseas.

By May, the squadron's first team returned after six

months at Pope, only to be turned around to become part of another squad deploying to Oman, and a headquarters element led by Major Barnett deploying to Saudi Arabia.

By September 2002, most of the squadron members were returning and the light at the end of the mobilization tunnel seemed in sight. Not so.

In October, another group was formed and deployed to MacDill AFB with orders for a year. The MacDill group was directly responsible for the protection of Headquarters Central Command, Headquarters Special Operations Command, and various other agencies key to U.S. operations in Afghanistan and Iraq.

With the prospect of another conflict on the horizon, the Air Force faced a looming security forces personnel shortage. Even with the Guard and Reserve forces, the security forces career field overall was still understaffed.

In fact, the Guard and Reserve security forces virtually ceased to exist because most its manpower was being used in current operations.

The answer: use Army National Guard personnel to free up the Guard and Reserve security forces for use should a future conflict arise.

In January 2003, Army National Guard personnel began

training at several locations around the country, learning basic Air Force security procedures. In essence, training to become security augmentees.

For 908 SFS members like squad leader Master Sgt. Ronald LeBoeuf the use of Army Guard personnel provided a welcome break from months on the road.

"It's hard being away from your loved ones for over a year. Kind of hard to raise kids over the phone," LeBoeuf commented.

Army National Guard assisting active duty security forces personnel set the stage for the return of squadron personnel to Maxwell. However, the time home was short lived.

Soon after their return, two members of the squadron were back out the door, with possibility of more to follow should war become a reality.

"We're just home to wash clothes before

they send us somewhere else," joked fire team member Staff Sgt. Johnny White while in processing.

Members spent their days catching up on squadron programs and personal responsibilities after a being gone for more than a year.

Senior Airman Rachel Lee, a fire team grenadier, asked her supervisor, "What's a UTA?" referring to the fact that she had spent her first year in the unit on active duty.

During the 15 months of deployment, the squadron completed eight tours of duty, at four state-side bases and five overseas locations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle.

They made news wherever they went and earned reputations as hard workers with infectious senses of humor and bravado. The sacrifices the squadron members made earned accolades from around the

world for the work they accomplished. But it's not over yet. The returning members remain mobilized and ready in the event they are called upon once again.

"We are ready to go and have always been prepared," said Master Sgt. Curtis Coleman, flight superintendent. "To us, nothing has changed but where they decide to send us."

With the changing world situation and changes in how we secure Air Force installations, chances are 908 SFS members will soon be called upon again to do what they do best: secure Air Force installations, deny the enemy the ability to disrupt Air Force operations, and protect property and personnel from crime and terrorism.



Illustrating that a deployment is not always about work, Master Sgt. Ronald Holland, Staff Sgt. Pamela Walker, and Senior Airman Dontrell McCray pose with professional wrestler, Randy "Macho Man" Savage



# Air Force Reservists support air bridge to Middle East

By 2nd Lt. Lance Patterson  
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ROBINS AFB, Ga. -- More than half of Air Force Reserve Command's 10,000 mobilized reservists are helping to move troops, equipment and cargo to the Middle East as America prepares for possible war with Iraq.

But every aspect of military reserve occupation is being used to support Operation Enduring Freedom, according to Lt. Col. John Metz, chief of the war and mobilizations plans branch at Headquarters AFRC.

"Air Force Reserve Command provides mission-capable assets and personnel to meet warfighter mission objectives by supporting gaining major commands," Metz said. "Orders for reservists are cut for a year; however, there is an option for the secretary of defense to extend those orders an additional year.

"Everyone from personnelists, services, maintenance, security forces, medical, special forces, cargo and civil engineering units are being utilized," he said. "No Air Force specialty code is out of reach to be called to active duty and mobilized at this point."

Reservists from every major AFRC unit have been activated to support the war on terrorism. Seventy percent of Air Force reservists are gained by Air Mobility Command during mobilization, and AMC oversees the operation of staging points for receiving cargo and people.

A long-anticipated message from AMC officials came in early February announcing a surge of aircraft to land at Westover Air Reserve Base, Mass. During the Gulf War, the base was also a beehive of activity with aerial porters loading C-5s with equipment and troops in desert

camouflage filling the passenger terminal.

"An air bridge is a tremendous job for everyone involved," said Brig. Gen. Martin M. Mazick, commander of Westover's 439th Airlift Wing. "To be a success, everyone has to pitch in together. That's what is happening here. People know that what they are doing is important. Everyone is coming together."

AMC planners at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., are channeling aircraft through Westover. Typically, planes arrive at Westover spaced out at intervals and are on the ground for four hours for a gas and go, including maintenance inspection and refueling.

In addition to Westover, 10 Reserve units have hundreds of reservists mobilized to support the air bridge overseas. These include C-5 crews from the 512th AW, Dover AFB, Del.; 433rd AW, Lackland AFB, Texas; and 349th Air Mobility Wing, Travis AFB, Calif., as well as C-17 crews from the 315th AW, Charleston AFB, S.C., and 446th AW, McChord AFB, Wash.

C-141-equipped Reserve units are also flying long-range missions in support of the efforts. The 445th AW from Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, is the current staging point for Reserve C-141 missions supporting Operation Enduring Freedom and the global war on terrorism. The operation involves more than 20 aircraft and dozens of crews from Wright-Patterson, as well as from the 459th AW, Andrews AFB, Md., and the 452nd AMW, March ARB, Calif.

"Westover acts as an air bridge," Metz said. "After aircraft leave the base, the air bridge continues basically as a group of tankers or 'flying gas stations' in the Atlantic Operation.

We're using the KC-10 and KC-135 for refueling purposes."

KC-135 crews from the 434th Air Refueling Wing, Grissom ARB, Ind., and March's 452nd AMW, as well as KC-10 crews from the 514th AMW, McGuire AFB, N.J., and Travis' 349th AMW have been mobilized to extend America's reach overseas.

Two units that have been called upon before to support Operation Enduring Freedom are the 920th Rescue Group from Patrick AFB, Fla., and the 917th Wing from Barksdale AFB, La. The 920th RQG flies combat search and rescue missions on HC-130 refueling aircraft and HH-60 helicopters, and the 917th Wing is equipped with B-52 bombers and A-10 close air support aircraft. Both units recently had 100 more reservists activated in support of America's ongoing war on terror.

"We have prepared for this challenge," said Col. Timothy Tarchick, 920th RQG commander. "Once again our troops are ready

to answer the call of duty - to go wherever we are needed and do whatever is necessary to get our mission done."

This is the first deployment overseas in support of a contingency for an aircraft armament systems mechanic with the 917th Maintenance Squadron.

"I was sent with other members of the 917th Wing to New Orleans during Operation Desert Storm to help get the A-10s ready," the master sergeant said. "This is something I have to do for my country, and it feels good. My family is very aware of what I do, and they are very supportive."

Family support goes a long way, but civilian employer support aid in making the transition from traditional reservist to being a mobilized airman a smooth change.

"While deployed my (civilian employer) ... will make up my pay difference for the long term while I am gone," said a staff sergeant munitions mechanic with the 917th MXS.

"They are going to acti-

vate me here, so I am not leaving," said Tech. Sgt. Susan Wilkerson, a 93rd Bomb Squadron operations resource management specialist. Her advice to those going overseas for the first time is to pack light and "have your family send other things to you."

Other kinds of units with more than a hundred reservists called to active duty include the following:

♦ A-10 - 442nd Fighter Wing, Whiteman AFB, Mo.

♦ C-130 - 94th AW, Dobbins ARB, Ga.; 440th AW, Gen. Mitchell International Airport Air Reserve Station, Wis.; and 910th AW, Youngstown ARS, Ohio.

♦ E-3 - 513th Air Control Group, Tinker AFB, Okla.

♦ F-16 - 482nd Fighter Wing, Homestead ARB, Fla.

♦ HH-60 - 305th Rescue Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.

♦ MC-130 - 919th Special Operations Wing, Eglin AFB Field 3, Fla. (AFRC News Service)



(U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Bill Kimble)

Members of the 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Calif., wait on the ramp at March Air Reserve Base, Calif., to be loaded onto a C-5A Galaxy and transported to an undisclosed location in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

# GI Mail provides secure, reliable E-mail link to loved ones

By Cynthia Bauer  
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Public Affairs

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. (AFPN) -- With airmen deployed away from home, the opportunity to communicate with loved ones takes on greater importance.

"To provide a link back home, Air Force Crossroads, the Air Force's official community Web site, offers a secure and reliable e-mail program through Global Internet Mail to help families keep in touch," said Capt. Greg Whitaker

of the Air Mobility Command Network Operations and Security Center here.

"Although there are other nonprofit and commercial e-mail and Internet services available, military members need to understand GI Mail is sponsored and maintained by the Air Force. We can't verify the operational capability or security of other such services," he said.

Registration for GI Mail is free for those eligible through the Air Force Crossroads Web site at

www.afcrossroads.com. Airmen can log in to the Web-based system from any computer with Internet access. Eligible users include active duty, Reserve, National Guard, retired or civil service employees and their authorized family members.

Whitaker said there are three great reasons to use GI Mail: security, bandwidth and availability.

"You've probably heard about the various break-ins and hacker attacks at free commercial e-mail providers," he

said. "GI Mail is a Department of Defense system, employing the same great security you've grown accustomed to in AMC," he said.

Concerning bandwidth, there is no advertising or "spamming" from junk mail distributors on GI Mail, unlike commercial providers. "Not only will the service remain speedy even in the most remote or forward locations, users will not spend time sifting through mountains of junk mail," Whitaker said. "And GI Mail is a DOD product provided for morale. Unlike civil-

ian services, the system will get the attention and maintenance that our deployed personnel deserve."

Besides GI Mail, the Air Force Crossroads Web site also offers forums and online chat rooms, and has online videoconferencing tools under development. Access the Web site and click on "Communications Center" for additional information.

According to CeCe Medford, chief of AMC's Family Matters Branch, families who do not have computers or Internet access can rely on family

support centers for help.

"Our family support centers have gone the extra mile to ensure families can stay in touch, even without a home computer," she said. "The FSCs have computers with connections to Internet service providers available for families to use."

Medford said that family readiness noncommissioned officers can explain in videoconferencing, how to borrow digital and video cameras, how to sign up for morale calls, and special family activities.

## Hoopsters repeat as basketball title runners up

For the second year in a row the 908th intramural basketball team squared off against Air University/Mission Support Squadron for the base title, narrowly losing the title by a point, 57-56, after posting a 67-66 overtime victory to postpone AU's victory celebration.

An early one point postseason loss to AU, forced 908th squad, owners of a regular season-best, 9-1 record, to climb from the loser's bracket to earn a shot at last season's champions.

The do-or-die game was suspended at halftime due to a

base exercise with the 908th leading, 27-21.

Upon resumption of the game several nights later, AU slowly reeled the 908th squad back in and seemed on the verge of the title before Clarence Thomas' three-pointer forced an overtime. The 908th squad eked out the overtime victory to force the third and deciding game.

The third game, like the two previous ones, was decided by the slimmest of margins, one point. Three games, three one point victories, the contests couldn't have been any closer.



Right (standing L-R), Clarence Thomas, Robert Green, Brian Clayton, Bishop Cochran, Derric Hall, Anthony Green and player/coach Prentice Tucker (kneeling)

Photo by Jeff Melvin

## 908th Happenings

### April

(UTA) April 5 - Chief Induction Ceremony (Chief Douglas Ead) - 1530, Bldg 803

April 5 (UTA) - Betty Voith's Retirement Party, Hoppers Lodge, 1800, (Forshey, Henley POCs)

April 26 (Saturday) - March of Dimes Walk

America 2003 - Union Station Train Depot  
0800 Registration, 0900 Walk Begins (POC Jasmine Hails)

### May

May 3 (UTA) - Family Day, 1000-1700 - Base Lakes

### Upcoming Retirements

April 2 - Tech. Sgt. Eddie Hayes

April 3 - Tech. Sgt. Lawrence Brady

April 4 - Tech. Sgt. Kristina Ernst

May 1 - Tech. Sgt. Ernest Wilson

May 3 - Tech. Sgt. Arizo Gajewski

May 26 - Tech. Sgt. Larry Pritchett

June 30 - Maj. Neal J. Bryan



April Unit Training Assembly Schedule

Time	Time	Event	Location/OPR
<b>Friday, April 4, 2003</b>			
1630	1900	Commanders' Staff Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conference Room
<b>Saturday, April 5, 2003</b>			
<b>0730</b>	<b>0800</b>	<b>Sign In</b>	<b>Orderly Room</b>
0730	0800	Newcomers' Flight Reception	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMT
0800	0830	Newcomers' Intro/Orientation	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMT
0800	TBD	NBC Defense Training	Bldg. 1154/Rm 119
0830	1130	SFS at Range M-16 (Classroom)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
0830	1100	Wing Mask Fit Testing	Bldg. 1055/Rm 1
0900	1030	3A0 Training - Official Mail/Document Security	Bldg. 848/Training Room Upstairs
0900	1000	Security Managers Meeting	TBD
0930	1000	TDY/PCS Out-Processing	Bldg. 1056/Rm 111, DPMSA
1000	1100	DPR M-41 Training	Bldg. 1055/CES Conf Room
1000	1100	Unit Deployment Managers' Mtg	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
1030	1130	First Sergeants' Meeting	Golf Course Snack Bar
1100	1130	Wing Flying Safety Mtg	Ops Briefing Room
1230	1530	SFS at Range M-16 (Firing)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
1230	1530	N/A - Units at Range M-9 (Classroom)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arm
1230	1530	CDC Testing (Course 5 - SNCOA CD ROM Only)	Bldg. 903/DPMT
1300	1400	HRDC Mtg	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf. Room
1300	1500	Newcomers' MPF In-Processing	Bldg. 1056/Rm 109/
1300	1500	Staff Assistance Visit (AES)	
1300	1530	Specialized Team Training (CCT, SMT, CCA)	
1700	TBD	Sign Out	Orderly Room

<b>Sunday, April 6, 2003</b>			
<b>0630</b>	<b>0700</b>	<b>Sign in</b>	<b>Orderly Room</b>
0815	0900	Personnel In-House Training	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Room
0800	1400	NBC Defense Training	Bldg. 1154/Rm 119
0800	1200	SFS at Range M-9 (Classroom)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
0830	1530	N/A - M-16 Units at Range M-9 (Classroom/Firing)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
0830	1130	Pallet Build-up/Joint Inspection	25 APS (Various locations)
0900	1000	Qrtrly Self Inspection Monitors' Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf. Room
0900	1030	3A0 Trng-WGM-Wrkstn Configuration Hardware	Bldg. 848, Trng Room (Upstairs)
0900	0930	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 846/Classroom 2/25 APS
1000	1100	EPR Training for Supervisors	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Room
1000	1030	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 848/Classroom/COM Flight
1000	1100	Career Advisors' Meeting	Bldg. 846/DPMSC
1000	1100	Functional Area Manager Training	Bldg. 1055/CES Conf Room
1100	1130	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 1056/Rm. 101/DPMT
1130	1230	SORTS/Commander Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Room/CC
1130	1230	Chiefs' Group Meeting	Bldg. 1461
1230	1530	CDC Testing	Bldg. 1056/Rm. 101/DPMT
1300	1400	Weapons Courier Training	Bldg. 1154/Deployment Classroom
1300	1400	Honor Guard Meeting	Bldg. 1056/Cmd. Chief's Office
1330	1430	UTA Bulletin Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf. Room
1430	1500	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 1055/Classroom 2/CES
1600	TBD	Sign-out	Orderly Room

Support functions' schedule

Activity	Dates & hours of operation		Location/Ext.
MPF Customer Service	Sat, 0800-1200	Sun, 0900-1000	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
		Sun, 1200-1600	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
ID Cards	M-F, 0630-1630	Sun, 0800-1100	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
	Sat, 0800-1200	Sun, 1200-1600	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
Reserve Pay	M-F, 0700-1100;	Sat, 0800-1600	Bldg. 1056/3-6722
	1200-1600		
Individual Equipment	Sat, 0800-1530		Bldg. 1154/3-6020
Clothing Sales	Sat, 0900-1500		Bldg. 851/3-7505
Restricted Area Badges	M-F, 0630-1600	Sun, 1200-1500	Bldg. 84/3-4283
Vehicle Registration	M-F, 0730-1600	Sun, 1200-1500	Bldg. 84/3-4283
Geneva Convention Cards	M-F, 0730-1600	Sun, 1200-1500	Bldg. 84/3-4283
Dining Hall	Sat, 0600-0930	Sun, 0600-0930	Bldg. 668/3-5127
	1100-1300	1100-1300	
	1600-1830	1600-1830	
Lodging office/reservations (lodging problems, contact 908th rep via lodging front desk)			Bldg. 1573/3-2401
Photo lab	M-F, 0730-1630	Sun, 1300-1500	Bldg. 926/3-7981

FY 03 Unit Training Assembly Dates  
May 3-4; June 7-8; July 12-13; Aug. 9-10; Sept. 6-7

April UTA Lodging

To access the Lodging Reservation System, please follow these instructions:

- \* Make reservations, cancellations or changes at least 24 hours prior to arrival.
- \* Call Maxwell at 1-800-673-9356
- \* Input your unit's authorization code
- \* Dial the system at 3-8557 or 3-8558
- \* The system will ask for your SSAN, which you will input with the telephone keypad
- \* The system will ask for your personal ID number, followed by the "#" sign. (PIN is available through your First Sergeant or Services 3-7332)
- \* The system will ask if you would like to make, change, or cancel a reservation.
- \* To make a reservation, input arrival date and then departure date.
- \* You will be asked if the reservation is ADT, IDT, or both (ADT: Annual Tour, Mandays, Special Tour) (IDT: UTA, AFTP, RMP, Make-up UTA)
- \* If this is a scheduled UTA weekend, the system will tell you where you will be staying
- \* If you cancel or change a reservation, you will be prompted for a phone number.
- \* ***The confirmation number you receive is for 908th Services use only.***

Note: You can also call the system direct DSN or Commercial. The numbers are: DSN 493-8557/8558 or COMM: (334) 953-8557/8558.

If you have a question please contact Master Sgt. Byron Godwin at:  
Commercial: (334) 953-7332  
DSN: 493-7332  
E-mail: byron.godwin@maxwell.af.mil  
Emergency cell: (334) 657-1304

**Notice!** Checkout time at Maxwell Lodging for the April UTA is 0800 Sunday. If you do not have time to go to the front desk, and do not have a phone charge, there will be a key drop box located in Bldg. 157 (Main Lodging) for your convenience. Please do not use this box if you have any charges on your bill. In accordance with AFI 34-246 **smoking is not permitted in lodging rooms.** You may be charged a minimum of \$50 for cleaning for violating this AFI.

**Airlift will be lodged at the Hampton Inn, Prattville.**

Airlift Schedule

**Aurora Airlift**  
**UTA pick-up schedule Friday:**  
Depart Maxwell at 1600 local  
Arrive Aurora at 1800 local  
Depart Aurora at 1830 local  
Arrive Maxwell at 2030 local

**UTA return schedule Sunday:**  
**Bus departs Bldg. 1056 at 1530**  
Depart Maxwell at 1600 local  
Arrive Aurora at 1830 local  
Depart Aurora at 1845 local  
Arrive Maxwell at 2100 local

**Huntsville/Dobbins Airlift**  
**UTA pick-up schedule Friday:**  
Depart Maxwell at 1700 local  
Arrive Dobbins at 1845 local  
Depart Dobbins at 1915 local  
Arrive Huntsville at 1845 local  
Depart Huntsville at 1915 local  
Arrive Maxwell at 1945 local

**UTA return schedule Sunday:**  
Depart Maxwell at 1600 local  
Arrive Huntsville at 1645 local  
Depart Huntsville at 1700 local  
Arrive Dobbins at 1845 local  
Depart Dobbins at 1900 local  
Arrive Maxwell at 1845 local

## Take Note

## Congratulations to the following people:

**Promotions**

....to Master Sergeant  
**Ronald A. LeBoeuf, SFS**  
**Donald E. Smith, CES**  
**James P. Williams, 25APS**  
 ....to Technical Sergeant  
**Lelia J. Collins, SFS**  
**Karen. D. Jackson, 25APS**  
**Derrick A. Swann, CF**  
**Garry L. Waldron, AMS**  
 ....to Staff Sergeant  
**LaShaundra L. Gardner, ASTS**  
**Anita M. Gray, LRS**  
**Robert C. Kelly, CF**  
**Clyde A. Reliford, SF**  
**Jason D. Towery, AES**  
**John T. Traum III, LRS**  
**Scott B. Walter, 25APS**  
 ....to Senior Airman  
**Rickey D. Allen, MXS**  
**Brian A. Davis, 25APS**  
**Caterina J. Durham, AES,**  
**Jennifer Young, ASTS**  
 ....to Airman First Class  
**Tifarah D. Boyd, MSS**  
**Christopher D. Hackett, ASTS**  
**Amy R. Monroe, ASTS**  
**Sonya D. Wilson, 908AW**  
 ....to Airman  
**Eddie L. Anderson, ASTS**  
**Frantina S. Iverson, ASTS**  
**Charles D. Jackson, 908AW**  
**Willie B. Johnson, SF**

## SNCOA board deadline is July 28

Air Force Reserve personnel, unlike their active duty counterparts, meet a central selection board to compete for limited quota allocations for the USAF Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy.

The next SNCOA board is scheduled for Aug. 22 for FY2004 classes 04B and 04C. Packages are being accepted for class dates 04B, Jan. 21 – March 3, 2004 and 04C, March 18 – April 28.

In order to allow enough time to review the packages and mail them to 22<sup>nd</sup> Air Force the wing suspense is not later than July 28, said 908AW training technician Master Sgt. Belinda Ray. For assistance Ray has provided a web address for an on line guide. The address is: <https://wwwmil.afrc.af.mil/HQ/DP/DPT/Documents/SNCOA%20Projectfinal.doc>

Wing senior NCOs experiencing problems with their application packages or who have questions, should call Ray at 953-6671/6678.

## Join fight against birth defects

908AW members, families and friends can help fight against birth defects through their participation in the March of Dimes "WalkAmerica 2003" event, Saturday April

26, starting at 9 a.m. at the Union Station Train Shed in downtown Montgomery.

Those interested can help by either walking or sponsoring a walker. Contact Jasmine Hails at 953-6673 or Belinda Stoudemire at 953-5522 for more information or to sign up or sponsor a walker.

## Volunteers to conduct safety seat checks at Family Day

Child passenger safety inspections will be conducted May 3 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot near Family Day activities.

Certified passenger safety technicians and volunteers will conduct the inspections and show parents how to correctly install the seats, said Senior Airman David McCaughtry, 908th Security Forces Squadron.

Additionally, technicians will try to educating parents about child passenger safety, answer questions about CPS and double check the child restraint current recall list for seats recalled by manufacturers, McCaughtry said.

All equipment needed for installations will be on hand and new seats will available from Tuscaloosa Safe Kids at cost. The Alabama Safe Kids Van will be available with Safe Kids banners and literature.



## Athlete of the Year nominee

*Drusilla "Dru" Amos, 25APS' NCOIC of information management, is AFRC's 2002 Air Force Female Athlete of the Year nominee. Amos, a world class powerlifter, set six world records on her way to nine first-place finishes in military competitions and two first-place finishes at the regional, state, and local levels. She's a mentor for the Maxwell AFB youth football league, is involved with the local Boys and Girls Club and is an active member of the local Air Force Sergeants Association chapter. Amos also coaches powerlifting, passing her knowledge along to her oldest son, who, coincidentally, has posted two amateur and world records.*

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